

S.B. No. 295 AN ACT CONCERNING TAX CREDITS FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT HOMES.

Having lived in an Energy Star Home for 25 years, which we built in 1997, we can testify to the many benefits of home construction that is energy efficient. With a geo-thermal heat pump, and building practices that reduce infiltration of cold and heat we created a home with a very low carbon footprint.

This building project was made possible by the Energy Star Program in the State of CT at that time, along with Federal Government incentives.

Not only did it greatly reduce our energy usage, it also created new jobs and training for high quality new jobs. The lower carbon emissions also help to reduce health impacts from fossil fuels in our area.

The tax credits that **SB 295** offers will enable more homeowners to choose energy efficient homes for their families.

- The physical attributes of a home that impact energy cost can be directly tied to occupant health such as adequate ventilation, moisture, and thermal comfort. An energy-efficient home is a healthier home.
- Investments made in energy-efficiency will yield economic, health, and climate benefits for years to come.
- We need to increase the energy efficiency of our building stock to meet our state's climate targets identified in the Global Warming Solutions Act Public Act 08-98 of 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 80% by 2050.

We recommend this bill for your very careful consideration.

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